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Cont for manufacturing the flat luminescent lamp according to the first embodiment of the present

invention is completed.

Kindly amend Paragraph 0075 as follows.

A2 [0075] Subsequently, the first substrate 51 and the second substrate 51a are bonded to each other and a gas, such as Xe gas, is injected between them through a gas injection hole (not shown). Thus, the substrates 51 and 51a are sealed by forming frames through soldering using, for example, a glass solder. Finally, a process for manufacturing the flat luminescent lamp according to the third embodiment of the present invention is completed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer.